

Remarks

Claims 1-2, 4, 13, 18 and 21, 23-24 are amended; claims 35-40 are added; and claims 12, 14-17, 19-20 and 27-34 are cancelled. No new subject matter is added by way of these amendments. Claims 1-11, 13, 18, 21-26 and 35-40 are pending.

The Examiner requested that Applicant elect a species. In particular, the Examiner requested that Applicant elect a) a single disclose polymer that is completely defined by one of the bonds recited in claim 2, b) one biologically active agent, and c) a method recited in claims 28-32.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant elects a) an ester linkage and b) mycophenolic acid (MPA).

With regards to the election of c) a method, Applicant has cancelled the method claims (claims 28-32), and thus, it is believed that election of a method is no longer required.

It is Applicant's belief that claims 1-4, 7-8, 13, 18, 21-26 and 35-40 read on the elected species.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6905 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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